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SOME HISTORY

MURDER OF CORNSTALK, THE GREAT INDIAN CHIEF

(Written by Col. John Stuart)

"In the year 1777, the Indians, being urged by British agents, became very troublesome to frontier settlers, manifesting much appearance of hostility, when the Cornstalk warrior, with the Redhawk, paid a visit to the garrison at Point Pleasant. He made no secret of the disposition of the Indians: declaring that, on his own part, he was opposed to joining the war on the side of the British, but that all the Nation, except himself and his own tribe, were determined to engage in it; and that, of course, he and his tribe would have to run with the stream (as he expressed it). On this, Captain Arbuckle thought proper to detain him, the Redhawk, and another fellow, as hostages, to prevent the Nation from joining the British.

"In the course of that summer our Government had ordered an army to be raised, of volunteers, to serve under the command of General Hand, who was to have collected a number of troops at Fort Pitt, with them to descend the river to Point Pleasant, there to meet a reinforcement of volunteers expected to be raised in Augusta and Botetourt Counties, and then proceed to the Shawnee towns and chastise them so as to compel them to neutrality. Hand did not succeed in the collection of troops at Fort Pitt; and but three or four companies were raised in Augusta and Botetourt, which were under the command of Col. George Skillern, who ordered me to use my endeavors to raise all the volunteers I could get in Greenbrier for that service. The people had begun to see the difficulties attendant on a state of war and long campaigns carried through the wilderness, and but a few were willing to engage in such service. But as the settlements which we covered, though less exposed to the depredation if the Indians, had showed their willingness to aid in the proposed plan to chastise the Indians, and had raised three companies, I was very desirous of doing all I could to promote the business and aid the service I used the utmost endeavors, and proposed to the militia officers to volunteer ourselves, which would be an encouragement to others, and by such means to raise all the men who could be got. The chief of the officers in Greenbrier agreed to the proposal, and we cast lots who should command the company. The lot fell on Andrew Hamilton for captain, and William Bantz, lieutenant. We collected in all about forty, and joined Colonel Skillern's party on their way to Point Pleasant.

"When we arrived, there was no account of General Hand or his army, and little or no provision made to support our troops, other than what we had taken with us down the Kanawha. We found, too, that the garrison was unable to spare any supplies, having nearly exhausted, when we got there, what had been provided for themselves. But we concluded to wait there as long as we could for the arrival of General Hand, or some account from him. During the time of our stay two young men, of the names of Hamilton and Gilmore, went over the Kanawha one day to hunt for deer; on their way to camp, some Indians had concealed themselves on the bank among the weeds, to view our encampment; and as Gilmore came along past them, they fired on him and killed him on the bank.

"Captain Arbuckle and myself were standing on the opposite bank when the gun was fired; and while we were wondering who it could be shooting contrary to orders, or what they were doing over the river, we saw Hamilton run down the bank, who called out that Gilmore was killed. Gilmore was one of the company of Captain Hall, of that part of the country now Roekbridge County. The captain was a relation of Gilmore's, whose family and friends were chiefly cut off by the Indians in the year 1764, when Greenbrier was cut off. Hall's men instantly jumped in a canoe and went to the relief of Hamilton, who was standing in momentary expectation of being put to death.

"They brought the corpse of Gilmore down the bank, covered with blood and scalped, and put him in the canoe. As they were crossing

the river, I observed to Captain Arbuckle that the people would be for killing the hostages, as soon as the canoe would land. He supposed that they would not offer to commit so great a violence upon the innocent, who were in nowise accessory to the murder of Gilmore. But the canoe had hardly touched the shore until the cry was raised, 'Let us kill the Indians at the fort; and every man with his gun in his hand, came up the bank pale with rage. Captain Hall was at their head, and leader. Captain Arbuckle and I met them, and endeavored to dissuade them from so unjustifiable an action; but they cocked their guns, threatened us with instant death, if we did not desist, rushed by us into the fort, and put the Indians to death.

"On the preceding day, Cornstalk's son, Ellinsico, had come from the Nation to see his father, and to know if he was well, or alive. When he came to the river opposite to the fort he hallooed. His father was at that instant in the act of delineating a map of the country and the waters between the Shawnee towns and the Mississippi, at our request, with chalk upon the floor. He immediately recognized the voice of his son, got up, went out and answered him. The young fellow crossed over, and they embraced each other in the most tender and affectionate manner. The interpreter's wife, who had been a prisoner among the Indians and had recently left them, on hearing the uproar the next day and hearing the men threatening that they would kill the Indians, for whom she retained much affection, ran to their cabin and informed them that the people were just coming to kill them; and that, because the Indians who had killed Gilmore had come with Ellinsico the day before. He utterly denied it; declared that he knew nothing of them, and trembled exceedingly. His father encouraged him not to be afraid, for that the Great Man above had sent him there to be killed and die with him. As the men advanced to the door, Cornstalk rose up and met them; they fired upon him, and seven or eight bullets went through him. So fell the great Cornstalk warrior—whose name was bestowed upon him by the consent of the Nation as their great strength and support. His son was shot dead as he sat upon a stool. The Redhawk made an attempt to go up the chimney, but was shot down. The other Indian was shamefully mangled, and I grieved to see him so long in the agonies of death.

"Cornstalk, from personal appearance and many brave acts, was undoubtedly a hero. Had he been spared to live, I believe he would have been friendly to the American cause; for nothing could induce him to make the visit to the garrison at the critical time he did but to communicate to them the temper and disposition of the Indians, and their design of taking part with the British. On the day he was killed there was held a council, at which he was present. His countenance was dejected; and he made a speech, all of which seemed to indicate an honest and manly disposition. He acknowledged that he expected that he and his party would have to 'run the stream' for all the Indians on the lakes and northwardly were joining the British. He said that when he returned to the Shawnee towns after the battle at the Point, he called a council of the Nation to consult what was to be done, and upbraided them for their folly in not suffering him to make peace on the evening before the battle. 'What,' said he, 'will you do now? The Big Knives coming upon us, and we shall all be killed. Now you must fight, or we are done.' But no one made an answer. He said, 'Then let us kill our women and children and fight till we die.' But none would answer. At length he rose and struck his tomahawk in the post in the center of the town house; 'I'll go,' said he, 'and make peace; and then the warriors all grunted out, 'Ough, ough, ough,' and the runners were instantly dispatched to the Governor's army to solicit a peace, and the interposition of the Governor on their behalf.

"When he made his speech in council with us, he seemed to be impressed with an awful premonition of his approaching fate; for he repeatedly said, 'When I was a young and went to war, I thought that might be the last time and I would return no more. Now I am here among you;

MRS. ANNA L. PRICE

Above the troubled elements,
Above life's restless sea,
Dear Savior, lift my spirit up,
Oh, lift it up to thee.

ANNA L. PRICE.

Mrs. Anna L. Price passed peacefully away on the 19th day of January, 1924, aged 87 years, 6 months and 4 days.

She was born on the 15th day of July, 1836, in Manchester, Virginia, a daughter of Henry Seth Ward Randolph and Deborah Perry Randolph. When a small child the family moved to Texas where they resided for a few years, and from there to Brooklyn, New York, where her girlhood days were passed. At the age of fifteen she was placed at school in Greensville County, Virginia, where she finished her education in the school conducted by Mrs. Polly Jones, and after her graduation she became a teacher in that school. She was also a graduate of Abadie's Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, New York. During the Civil War she came to Lexington, Virginia, as a teacher in the Ann Smith Academy, and was there when that town was besieged and captured. There she met the late Rev. Dr. Wm. T. Price, a Presbyterian minister, and they were married near Richmond, where her family had come to live, on the 12th day of October, 1865.

After their marriage they first lived at Monterey, Virginia, and from there at Mount Clinton, Rockingham County, where sixteen years were spent at the manse at that place. In 1885, the family removed to Marlinton, Pocahontas County, where she resided at the time of her death.

The Rev. Dr. Price preceded her to the grave three years since, having lived to the great age of ninety-one years. The couple, though of mature age when married, lived together long past the golden wedding period, having passed fifty-six years in companionship.

There were seven children born of the marriage. The oldest, William Randolph Price, died at the age of four years and is buried in Rockingham County. Six children survive her: Dr. J. W. Price, Andrew Price, Dr. Susie A. Price, Dr. Norman R. Price, Calvin W. Price and Mrs. F. R. Hunter, all of whom maintain their residence here.

She was widely known as a writer. Her life that of a devoted wife and mother. Her Christianity a bright and shining light. And she was never excelled in loyalty to her friends. She outlived all her girlhood companions, but though far removed from most of them, she kept close in touch with them as one by one they drifted out upon that unknown sea that rolls round all the world. The last years of her life were especially peaceful and calm and bright, spent in the home of her devoted daughter, Mrs. Anna Hunter. She rounded out a complete and perfect life, and sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust she approached her grave, as one who wraps the drapery of her couch about her, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

"Happy he
With such a mother! faith in woman-kind
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things high
Comes easy to him, and though he
trip and fall,
He shall not blind his soul with clay."

you may kill me if you please; I can die but once; and it is all one to me, now or another time.' This declaration concluded every sentence of his speech. He was killed about one hour after our council."

The stockholders of the Bank of Hillsboro held their annual meeting on January 14th. This bank had a prosperous year, earning over 11 per cent. A dividend of six per cent was paid, and the remainder of the earnings added to the surplus fund, which is now \$18,000.00. R. H. Auldridge, G. C. Reard, F. P. Kidd, C. W. Kinnison, L. P. McLaughlin, F. W. Ruckman, A. C. Stillwell, Samuel Sheets and S. B. Shisler, were elected directors for the ensuing year. F. W. Ruckman was elected President, and Samuel Sheets and F. P. Kidd were made Vice-Presidents.

Andrew Gilmore, an aged and respected colored man died January 20, 1924, at his home in Covington. His body was brought here for burial at the Brownsburg Cemetery on Wednesday. He was raised at Mt. Grove. His son, John C. Gilmore is a resident of Marlinton. He was seventy-three years old.

The body of Isaac Cashwell, colored was buried at Mt. View Cemetery Saturday afternoon. He was a former employee at the tannery, and died of heart disease while on a visit to Roanoke.

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FOR STATE SENATOR

Hon. W. C. Cooper, of Webster County, announces in this paper his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from this district. At this time Mr. Cooper represents Webster County in the House of Delegates. The Webster Echo says of him—

"Mr. Cooper is a son of the late Geo. C. Cooper, who was well and favorably known to the people of Webster and Pocahontas counties. He has lived among us all his life, excepting about ten years that his parents lived at Greenbank, Pocahontas County. All who know 'Bill' Cooper are his friends, and we doubt very much if there is a man, his age, better known to the voters of the Tenth Senatorial District.

"In 1916 he was elected one of the Democratic Senatorial Committee-men; served as a printing clerk during the 1917 session of the Legislature; was elected President of the Board of Education of Fork Lick District in 1918, and to the Legislature in 1922. He has always made good.

"We have many reasons in believing that he would make a strong candidate this fall. He made a number of speeches in the county during the last campaign for the state ticket. He is a good mixer and makes friends wherever he goes.

"Webster has had no candidate for the State Senate for six years and it should be the pleasure of the voters of the district to support a Webster County candidate who has proven as true to his convictions in the Legislature as our own 'Bill' Cooper.

"The House Journal of the Legislature shows that Mr. Cooper stood firm for a production tax on coal, oil and gas; that he supported all bills favorable to labor and the farmer; voted to limit the expenditure of the people's money in rebuilding the State Capitol, but at the same time allowing a sufficient amount to erect a State building that we all may justly pride; did nothing to weaken the educational movement in any respect; was complimented in a letter by the State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for his stand relative to prohibition; offered the amendment to House Bill No. 189 that created the State Bureau of Agriculture, a very important piece of legislation in behalf of the farmers of the State; voted to repeal the gross sales tax."—Webster Echo.

CASS ELECTION

Cass, W. Va.—The following are the returns of the recent municipal election held in the Town of Cass: For mayor, J. Hobb Rose 125; J. B. Sutton 58; For Recorder, George S. Graham 178; For Councilmen, Dr. U. H. Hannah 181, J. C. Graves 175, W. F. Anderson 131, Robert Hevich 131, J. B. Sutton 120, J. A. Belcher 48, J. A. Kirkpatrick 57, Sidney Church 46.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pocahontas County Sunday School Association held last Saturday afternoon there were present Ira D. Brill, F. M. Sydnor, S. N. Hinch, Mrs. W. J. Yeager, A. C. Stillwell, Luther Flynn and Calvin W. Price. The resignation of G. C. Hamilton as county chairman was accepted with regret; Ira D. Brill as vice-president succeeded to the office; S. D. Huff, vice-president, F. M. Sydnor's resignation as president of Edray District was tendered on account of his election to the office of county secretary. His resignation was accepted, and Ivan Sharp became district president and J. M. Baine, of Cloverlick, vice president. Many matters of importance to Sunday School work in Pocahontas county were taken up for consideration. A meeting of the committee will be called about March 1st to consider the times and places for the county and district conventions.

Those who were in town Monday attending the funeral of Mrs. Anna L. Price, L. P. McLaughlin, M. L. Beard and M. J. McNeal of Hillsboro, Mrs. J. Coyner, Miss Emma N. Warwick, and I. W. Poage of Clover Lick, Mrs. Lanty McNeal and Miss Anna Wallace, of Mill Point.

Attendance at the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday 222, at the Presbyterian, 167.

The Marlinton Hotel Company is seeking bids for the construction of a large addition to the Marlinton Hotel.

C. P. Brown bought himself a Star automobile from Hiner & Gum, Tuesday.

Died, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, January 22, 1924.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received up to noon on the 20th day of February, 1924, for the erection of a hotel building to be built in Marlinton, W. Va., by the Marlinton Hotel Company.

Plans and specifications can be had at the office of the Marlinton Hotel Company. This Company reserves the right to reject any or all bids. THE MARLINTON HOTEL CO. Inc. By C. C. Clendenen, Secty.

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A TREAT BY ACCIDENT

The writer left Marlinton, Thursday the tenth, for a few days' visit with parents at Great Cacapon, W. Va., intending to come back by the Washington route putting in a few days in Baltimore. On last Monday morning after boarding the B. and O. for Washington I was met by several ministers whom I knew and was told that they were on their way to the "Thirty Year Jubilee Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America." Well, I said that looks good to me and I certainly will take in at least part of it. I hurried to Baltimore and came back to Washington Monday evening and went up to the First Congregational Church for the evening program. This was so fine that I made up my mind that right there I would stay until it was all over. Those on the program that evening being Hon. George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania; Bishop James Cannon, of Washington, and Bishop Charles Mead, Denver, Colorado.

Tuesday morning while out for a walk I was very agreeably surprised to meet Hon. Andrew Price, of Marlinton. He was in company with a good-looking gentleman from Clarksville, and really made me feel proud in the splendid way he measured up in appearance with all the other prominent men whom I had met. He told me that G. W. Huntley, formerly of this county, was at the Raleigh Hotel and I afterwards located him and found that he was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to represent his county in the Convention.

Time will not permit me to give in detail all of the program of the convention, but to give an idea of the very splendid material selected I name as the following: Bishop Nicholson, President of the League, Sam Small, D. D., W. E. Johnson, (Pussyfoot Johnson), Pat. Neff, Gov. of Texas; Miss Anna A. Gordon, President of the World and National W. C. T. U. Sen. Watson of Indiana; Sen. Morris Sheppard, Sen. Sterling, Sen. Ferris, Hon. Roy A. Haynes, Prohibition Commissioner of the U. S.; Gov. Pinchot of Penn. Sen. Will of Ohio; and last but not least Hon. W. J. Bryan. There were many other men of note on the platform but space will not permit my giving them all.

On Wednesday noon we lined up for a march to the White House where President Coolidge received a list of resolutions from the convention and made a short address. This was a very stormy and wet day but men and women marched for almost a mile singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and none of the determination that characterized this organization through its long years of hard fighting to make this a dry nation seems to have lessened.

Defiant epithets were thrown at "Alcohol Smith" and all of his kind and notice was served on both political parties that there would be no tolerance of any man for any office from President to constable that was known to be wet. That this country is dry to stay was voted by everyone and a great Soloist sang "For Its In The Constitution And Its There To Stay."

Prohibition officer Haynes said, that for every dollar the government was spending on prosecutions they collect three dollars in fines. In other words this department is more than paying its expenses.

Seeing no one there from old Pocahontas, your humble servant signed up and helped to make some noise any way. In closing I note that I failed to mention Assistant Attorney

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Ira D. Brill

B. FRANK WHITE

B. Frank White was born in Crabbottom, Highland county, Virginia, November 17, 1853. He was the eldest son of Mr. Henry White, who moved to Pocahontas county in 1877, and made his home near Minnehaha Springs.

On April 9, 1896 he was married to Miss Mary Jane Crummitt, of Highland county, who survives him. They have eight children, three sons, Ernest, Clarence and Aris, and five daughters, Gladys, Ruth, Lucille, Gertrude and Hazel—all at home. He also leaves two brothers, B. Lee and M. J. White, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hannah, and Mrs. Andrew Hannah.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church, being confirmed June 4, 1870, and he died in the faith, that faith which enables one to approach the end, endure suffering, with the full trust and confidence of the day break of eternal life. On January 8, 1924, he passed away peacefully at his home near Minnehaha Springs. Rev. Palmer Eubank, pastor of the M. E. Church South, conducted the funeral service in the home in the presence of a number of sorrowing relatives and friends, and his remains were borne to the cemetery near by there to await the resurrection morn.

Mr. White was a man of many sterling qualities, and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived so many years. He was a kind husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor.

"Now the laborer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore,
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

"Earth to earth and dust to dust!
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the Resurrection-day,
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

The Marlinton Electric Company is preparing to break ground for a two story office building on lot adjoining Lightner's restaurant on Third avenue. The building will be of brick and tile.

ARBOVALE

Feeding and getting wood seen, to be the order of the day.

There is a considerable lot of sickness in this section.

J. O. Beard is very ill at this time.

Austin Lightner is reported improving slowly.

John Slavin moved to the house vacated by Robert Bennett.

We are having some winter with the mercury standing 14 below.

The G. H. S. basket ball team played the Elkins team to the time of 25 to 5 in favor of Greenbank High School.

There seems to be several candidates announced themselves for office, as yet none for State Senate. In looking around over the county I see none better qualified than F. R. Hill. What do you say? How about Andrew Price, Prosecuting Attorney.

Riverside school honor roll for fourth month—teacher, Goldie McNeill. Mike, Ruth, Madge, Arleen Dunn, Wayne, Miri, Sanford Simmons, Hubert Pyles, Virginia Hayes, Francis Smith, Polly Wilfong and Dane Lantz.

A new school bell, lamps and a number of library books have been purchased from the proceeds of a pie supper.

Word was received Tuesday of the extreme illness of B. M. Yeager, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Gatewood, at Pulaski Virginia.

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